

OPINION 861

COLLIGNONICERAS BREISTROFFER, 1947 (AMMONOIDEA):
GRANTED PRIORITY UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS OVER
SELWYNOCERAS WARREN & STELCK, 1940

RULING—(1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby Ruled that the generic name *Collignonicer*as Breistroffer, 1947, is to be given priority over *Selwynoceras* Warren & Stelck, 1940, by those authors who consider these names to be synonymous at any level within the genus-group.

(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *Collignonicer*as Breistroffer, 1947 (gender: neuter), type-species, by original designation, *Ammonites woollgari* Mantell, 1822 (Ruled under the plenary powers to be given precedence over *Selwynoceras* Warren & Stelck, 1940, by any author who considers these names to be synonymous) (Name No. 1798);

(b) *Selwynoceras* Warren & Stelck, 1940 (gender: neuter), type-species, by original designation, *Prionotropis borealis* Warren, 1930 (Name No. 1799).

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *woollgari* Mantell, 1822, as published in the binomen *Ammonites woollgari* (type-species of *Collignonicer*as Breistroffer, 1947) (Name No. 2251);

(b) *borealis* Warren, 1930, as published in the binomen *Prionotropis* (?) *borealis* (type-species of *Selwynoceras* Warren & Stelck, 1940) (Name No. 2252).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1738)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Prof. T. Matsumoto and Mr. C. W. Wright in January 1966. The application was sent to the printer on 7 February 1966 and was published on 29 April 1966 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 57–59. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to two palaeontological serials.

Dr. C. W. Sabrosky (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 142) objected to the proposals and Mr. R. V. Melville (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 194) submitted a counter-proposal.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 27 February 1968 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (68)4, in Part I, either for or against the use of the plenary powers to place *Collignonicer*as on the Official List, and in Part I, either for Alternative A (to grant priority to *Collignonicer*as from 1876 as proposed by Matsumoto & Wright) or for Alternative B (to grant

priority to *Collignonicer* over *Selwynoceras* as proposed by Melville). At the close of the prescribed voting period on 27 May 1968 the state of the voting was as follows:

Part 1. Affirmative votes—eighteen (18), received in the following order: China, Melville, Mayr, Vokes, Boschma, Munroe, Sabrosky, Lemche, Uchida, Jaczewski, Alvarado, Tortonese, Binder, Evans, Simpson, Kraus, Bonnet, Mertens.

Negative votes—six (6): Holthuis, Obruchev, Brinck, Starobogatov, Eisenmann, Ride.

Part 2. For Alternative A—three (3): Munroe, Uchida, Bonnet.

For Alternative B—fifteen (15): China, Melville, Mayr*, Vokes, Boschma, Sabrosky, Lemche, Jaczewski, Alvarado, Tortonese, Binder, Evans, Simpson, Kraus, Mertens.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): do Amaral, Forest.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

borealis, *Prionotropis*, Warren, 1930, *Trans. roy. Soc. Canad.* **24** (4) : 25, pl. 3, figs. 1–4, pl. 4, fig. 1

Collignonicer Breistroffer, 1947, *Proc. verb. mens. Soc. Sci. Dauphiné*, 26th year, no. 195: 5 p. unnumbered

Selwynoceras Warren & Stelck, 1940, *Trans. roy. Soc. Canad.* **34** (4) : 151
woollgari, *Ammonites*, Mantell, 1822, *Fossils of the South Downs* : 141, 197.

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (68)4 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper as Alternative B has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 861.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

W. E. CHINA
Assistant Secretary
London
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* Prof. Mayr requested that he be counted with the majority.